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WATER SCARCITY IN METRO CITIES
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Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is water scarcity in the country particularly in metro cities;

(b) if so, the details thereof, city-wise;

(c) whether any study has been conducted to identify the factors leading to water scarcity;

(d) if so, the outcome thereof; and

(e) the measures being taken by the Government to ensure availability of sufficient water?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI AJAY MAKEN)

(a)&(b): Ministry of Water Resources has furnished data regarding water demand and water availability for present and future in respect of 35 metro cities. Details are given in Annexure-I.

(c)&(d): This Ministry had sponsored a study on status of water supply, sanitation and solid waste management by National Institute of Urban Affairs (NIUA). Details regarding per capita availability of drinking water in metro cities based on NIUA report for 22 metros and information furnished by the State Governments are given in Annexure-II. Due to consecutive failure of monsoon, availability of water during summer period is reduced in some cities/towns.

(e): This Ministry has recently launched Jawaharlal Nehru National Urban Renewal Mission (JNNURM) with a view to ensuring the development of 63 identified cities/ towns with focused attention to integrated development on infrastructural services and adequate investment of funds on major infrastructure projects including water supply projects. The cities/ towns not covered by JNNURM are eligible for assistance under Urban Infrastructure Development Scheme for Small & Medium Towns

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In order to promote rain water harvesting measures, Model Building Bye-laws for sanction of building plans incorporating mandatory provision for rain water harvesting in all new buildings on plots of 100 sqm and above have been circulated to the State Governments.